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Re: Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for Funding Lincoln Parish Healthcare Study

Gentlemen:

This Cooperative Endeavor Agreement is made and entered into as of September 17, 2024, by and between Lincoln Parish Police Jury ("LPPJ"), the City of Ruston ("City"), and Lincoln Health Foundation ("Foundation"), hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties".

A. Purpose

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish a cooperative framework to conduct a comprehensive healthcare study titled "Lincoln Parish Healthcare Study" (hereinafter referred to as the "Study") that provides a plan for addressing the long-term healthcare needs of the citizens of Lincoln Parish.

B. Roles and Responsibilities:

The Parties agree to participate as members of the Lincoln Health Foundation's Healthcare Committee (hereinafter the Committee) by appointing a representative(s) to that Committee.

The Committee shall retain expert consultants to work with and advise the Committee on the development of an RFP to hire an expert healthcare consultant for the actual Study. The intent is for the "Lincoln Parish Healthcare Study" to provide a visionary plan for development of an innovative, comprehensive, high-quality, long-term healthcare program for Lincoln Parish and the surrounding region.

C. Financial Arrangements:**1. Funding Contributions:**

- a. Lincoln Health Foundation agrees to contribute up to \$400,000 of the total funding required for the Study.
- b. Lincoln Parish Police Jury agrees to contribute \$50,000.
- c. City of Ruston agrees to contribute \$50,000.

D. Governance and Decision-Making

- 1. Healthcare Committee:** The Parties, as participants of the Committee, will oversee the RFP and Study's progress, make key decisions, and resolve any disputes.
- 2. Meetings:** The Healthcare Committee will meet monthly, or more frequently as needed, to review progress and address any issues.
- 3. Reporting:** The Healthcare Committee shall provide periodic reporting to the parties.

E. Indemnification and Liability

Each party agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the other Parties from any claims, damages, or liabilities arising from their respective actions or omissions in connection with the Study.

F. Data Management and Sharing

The Parties agree to comply with all applicable data management and sharing policies, ensuring that data generated from the Study is accessible to all Parties and relevant stakeholders, subject to confidentiality agreements.

G. Governing Law

This Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana.

H. Terms and Termination

This Agreement shall commence on September 1, 2024, and continue until September 1, 2025, unless terminated earlier by mutual consent of the Parties or due to a breach of Agreement terms.

